

**Backcountry Tours**  
Winter 2009--2010  
Nordic Ski Association of Anchorage

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Welcome to our 2009—2010 schedule of back country Alaskan skis, we hope you'll find something you'll enjoy and join in on the fun. All of our tours are accompanied by the Anchorage Nordic Ski Patrol, many thanks for their assistance. We look forward to skiing with you out on the trail.

**Nov 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Turkey Day Shake Off Hatcher Pass**

Join us for this post Thanksgiving shake off cruise for our first tour of the season. We'll meet at the Carrs Muldoon at 9am and carpool to the trailhead where we expect to arrive 10:15 or 10:30. This tour would be appropriate for a beginning skier who can travel about 6 miles round trip on relatively flat terrain. For more information contact, Bob at 336-1717 or [AnchorageNordicSkiTours@gmail.com](mailto:AnchorageNordicSkiTours@gmail.com)

**Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Peters Creek**

We'll ski up the Peters Creek Valley on a gentle trail to the site of an old homestead and perhaps beyond. Meet up at the Carrs Muldoon parking lot at 9:00 am, and convene at the Peters Creek trailhead at 10:15 am. This ski is suitable for intermediate skiers. Bring plenty of warm clothes, food and water to enjoy our ski. For more information contact, Bob at 336-1717 or [AnchorageNordicSkiTours@gmail.com](mailto:AnchorageNordicSkiTours@gmail.com)

**Dec 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Moonlight Tour**

Depart from the Chugach State Park Glen Alps trailhead, ski up powerline trail towards Hidden Lake. Travel time is two or 3 hours depending on how many breaks we take. Because the weather is often variable bring clothing for wind, cold and snow. In the case of inclement weather or a snow machine opening we may move this ski to Prospect Heights or Upper Huffman trailheads. A State Parks trailhead decal or parking pass is required at the trailhead. Contact Bob Sutherland at 336-1717 or [AnchorageNordicSkiTours@gmail.com](mailto:AnchorageNordicSkiTours@gmail.com)

**Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Pupsicle**

Ski the great trails to Tazlina Glacier Lake and around Mendeltna Creek. Our lodging, the Mendeltna Creek Lodge is 153 miles from Anchorage. Cabins and a bunkhouse are available and RVs are welcome. A tremendous cuisine with plenty of food is provided. Dogs are a welcome guest while skiing and in your room. There is a nice lodge to hang out at and enjoy a relaxing evening after skiing. This is a perfect ski trip for folks who like to ski, relax and enjoy themselves. The terrain is relatively flat with well marked trails. Contact Mary at 345-3934 or email her at [mvavrik@gci.net](mailto:mvavrik@gci.net). If you think you might go, we'd like a head count by mid-December to help in the planning.

### **Feb 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Johnson Cabin Ski Weekend.**

Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> we'll ski the Mills Creek trail near Summit Lake on the Kenai then spend the night at Barry and Joyce Johnson's cabin. Sunday we'll ski the 20 Mile near Portage if the snow conditions are acceptable. Potluck dinner Saturday evening with fun skis both days. Saturday's ski is suitable for intermediate skiers, the Sunday ski is suitable for beginners who can ski 6 miles on flat terrain. You can attend both days or join us for just one day. Space is limited. Contact Bob Sutherland at 336-1717 or [AnchorageNordicSkiTours@gmail.com](mailto:AnchorageNordicSkiTours@gmail.com)

### **February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Portage Pass Tour**

Cross Portage Lake, and ski up to Portage Pass. Its about a 4 1/4 mile ski up to the pass with an 800 foot altitude gain from the lake to the pass. The lake is great touring for beginners who can travel about 7 miles round trip. Since this is a funnel for storms rolling into Turnagain Arm, in case of inclement weather we'll change this tour to a different location. For more information contact, Bob Sutherland at 336-1717 or [AnchorageNordicSkiTours@gmail.com](mailto:AnchorageNordicSkiTours@gmail.com)

### **March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2010, Center Ridge Snow Camp.**

Ski up Center Ridge in Turnagain Pass on the Kenai Peninsula. Great views of surrounding mountains and some nearby safe telemark skiing.. A short steep climb after the trailhead necessitates skins but great gentle touring abounds afterwards. Skiers should be able to execute a turn even if it is a kick turn to come down. This is an excellent chance to learn to camp on snow. We'll have lots of people with experience and coaching skills to help you. Contact Bob Sutherland at 336-1717 or [AnchorageNordicSkiTours@gmail.com](mailto:AnchorageNordicSkiTours@gmail.com)

**April 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Denali View Chalet.** Enjoy the weekend at an rustic Alaskan lodge on Kroto Lake south of Mt. McKinley. Ski 8 miles into the lodge with just a day pack. Great views, fantastic company, exquisite cuisine, sauna and skiing. Space is limited. For more information contact Bob Sutherland 336-1717 or via email at [AnchorageNordicSkiTours@gmail.com](mailto:AnchorageNordicSkiTours@gmail.com).



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